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## And that's my last offer



Emily Austin, 8, at left, and Meagan Melaragni, 8, discuss a bargain at the kids crafts fair held at the Robbins Library on Tuesday morning. The annual fair features crafts, items and other goodies

offered by young merchants. The event is sponsored by the library and the town's recreation department. For more library news, see page 2A. (Jennifer Hauck photo)

## Private way issues resurface in town

By R. SCOTT RAYNOVICH

Advocate staff writer

The town's relationship with private ways was examined again at the Board of Selectmen's meeting Monday night when several residents urged the town to help them with the repair of Montrose Avenue. Residents of the private road pleaded with town officials to supply the remaining funds to fix the poorly surfaced road following the inability and refusal of two residents of the road to pay a share of repair costs. The Montrose residents said the town could then assess the remaining cost of the repair to the residents who had not paid.

Montrose Avenue is a 421-foot road running Richfield Road and Cutter Hill Road near Summer Street.

Eugene Downing Jr. of 5 Montrose Ave. said, "Montrose Avenue is an unsafe way. Public utilities use it all the time and it's a real problem. We'd like the town to provide \$1,800 to be assessed to the abutters."

The town has aided private road owners in the past by lending them a portion of the money to do the work and allowing for it to be paid back over a period of time.

However, Town Counsel John Maher said the town's hands are tied legally in this case because the town is specifically prohibited from funding the paving of a private way, and Town Manager Donald R. Marquis said the residents, who have raised

\$6,200 to pay for the paving of the road, will have to pay the remaining costs of the road themselves.

Marquis also said he thought the town had already settled the issue and was awaiting a public hearing on the issue so property owners could continue the process officially. The town had previously agreed to loan \$1,000 up front for the grading of the road, but the property owners are still short \$800 of the total \$8,000 needed.

"I thought we had a plan of action," Marquis told selectmen, "people are back here asking you to do something different than what was planned. The town will grade and will assess for that. The town cannot pave."

Current town policy demands that at least two-thirds of the abutters to a private way have to request repairs on the property and two thirds of the total cost must be provided up front. A public hearing must occur to allow all interested parties to voice their opinion on the repair. The official public hearing for Montrose Avenue will take place next Tuesday night.

Private ways account for more than 22 miles of roadways in the town of Arlington.

Private way owners frequently enter into contract with the town for repair to roads, because the town

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## Board rejects permit parking

By R. SCOTT RAYNOVICH

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Neighbors of the former Gibbs Junior High School building unsuccessfully presented their case for resident permit parking at the Board of Selectmen's meeting Monday night, complaining that visitors to the area were taking over parking on residential streets.

The Board of Selectmen adamantly opposed the idea of permit parking and said the town will seek to alleviate the problem through other means such as limiting the amount of activities that take place in the Gibbs building.

After the Gibbs Junior High School closed two years ago, the town started leasing the building out to several different programs including a day care operation, arts activities, dance classes, and town-sponsored programs. The building is also used for several Park and Recreation department programs.

The neighbors of the area met recently to discuss the problems associated with the building and released a statement to the board summarizing their conclusions. "As a neighborhood we grappled with defining the problems that we have experienced since the Gibbs Junior High closed," read the statement.

"We feel that this facility is being overused and that this has adversely effected the 'character and dignity' of our neighborhood."

Eileen Wright, a Foster Street resident, said, "Our residential neighborhood is gone. We can't park in front of our own homes."

The alliance of neighbors told the board permit parking was the best solution to this problem.

None of the selectmen spoke in favor of permit parking, however.

"I don't feel comfortable with permit parking at this time," said Selectman Stephen Gilligan.

"Every neighborhood in this town could say the exact same thing," said Selectman Frank Hurd, "half this town would be permit parking."

Town Manager Donald R. Marquis also spoke against the permit parking idea. "I don't think in the long run that is desirable public policy," said Marquis.

Michael McCabe, a resident of the area, said Selectman Charles Lyons had encouraged the idea. "He told us it was a plausible solution," said McCabe. Lyons was not present at Monday night's meeting.

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Kevin Greeley, reminded

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## Rape, home invasion reported by woman

### Third assault reported this year

An unidentified suspect attacked an East Arlington woman while she was sleeping in her bedroom and raped her early in the morning on Tuesday, July 9.

Police, labeling the details "sketchy", said it was unclear how the man entered the victim's Belknap Street house or left the area. The rape occurred at about 3:30 a.m.

"She can't identify him and we're not positive how he got in her house," said Capt. Lawrence Flynn of the Arlington Police Department. The suspect was described as being white, in his mid-30's, about 5 foot 11 inches tall, 160-180 pounds, with short hair.

The victim awoke after the assailant had wrapped a pair of panty hose around her neck, said police. Inspection of the house showed the suspect had rummaged through items in the victim's bureau.

A broken screen was found in the house on the third floor, but police said it was unlikely the suspect had entered through the window because there was no easy way to climb to the third floor.

The victim was taken to Symmes Hospital after the incident and questioned briefly by police, but police said more complete interviews will be conducted after the woman has been given a chance to recover from the traumatic experience. The investigation will be continuing.

The rape is the second, and the third assault, to have occurred in East Arlington this year. Another Arlington woman was attacked, beaten and raped while walking home from the Alewife MBTA station in April.

Police said they have no reason to believe the rapes were connected since the descriptions of the suspects in both incidents were different and the circumstances were not the same.

## She gives special effort to athletics

By JOHN A.E. GHANOTAKIS

Special to The Advocate

"I promised my coach Dick that I'd bring back at least one medal," said Patti Quattieri, who is participating in the Special Olympics International Summer Games being held currently in Minneapolis.

The 32-year-old special needs athlete, who lives on Broadway in Arlington, has been participating in the Special Olympics for 22 years — longer than any other athlete participating in this year's games.

One of the top athletes of the Central Middlesex area who went to the state games held at Boston College back in June, Quattieri boasts more than a year's worth of physical preparation and training for this year's games. Quattieri had been training in Belmont on Wednesdays and on Saturdays in Springfield. Sprints were an integral part of the athlete's training agenda. Additionally, she lifted weights in Burlington during the winter. She practiced starting on starting blocks frequently during her training.

Quattieri will perform in the standing long jump, the 100 meter, the 200 meter, and the relay. Quattieri has won many medals in her athletic career, including three from last year's games.

"I need to exercise and stretch about three times a day," said Quattieri, whose diet had consisted of



Patti Quattieri is representing the state at the Special Olympic Games in Minneapolis.

many salads and plenty of water. Inspired by gifted athletes such as world reknown Marathon runner, Bill Rodgers, Quattieri regards running as her favorite sport. She also enjoys playing basketball, softball and bowling.

One of the most dedicated and motivated of the Special Olympics'

athletes, Quattieri is spoken of highly by her present coach, Dick Samaria. Talking recently about his athlete, Samaria praised Quattieri as a hard working athlete who possesses a great deal of sportsmanship and cooperation. If she places second or third, she is the first to shake the winner's hand. Her determina-

tion to win is not only for herself, but former fellow teammates and coaches. Samaria adds, that of all his athletes, Quattieri is always the first at practice and the last to leave.

Quattieri, who grew up in Arlington, attended the Crosby Elementary School, Otisson Junior High, and Minuteman Tech High School, holds a job at Symmes Hospital in Arlington in the house cleaning department.

Although her family was not able to attend the games, Quattieri's coach from Arlington, Donna Sullivan, said she was going to spend several days in Minneapolis to watch Quattieri. Sullivan, who works for the Arlington Recreation, said of her experience with Quattieri: "Patty is very coachable. She always does what she's told," said Donna, who cites Quattieri's attitude as very positive. She added that Quattieri is the one who always takes the initiative to warm up and get ready for practice, and in addition to this, do extra work. "After each practice, Patty always went to the pool to swim laps."

According to Sullivan, Patty always gives 105 percent and gets the other athletes to try their hardest. "Her sportsmanship all around was the reason I gave her name to the state," said Sullivan. "She's one

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## Center businesses fight tough economy

By R. SCOTT RAYNOVICH

Advocate staff writer

Arlington Center continues to be plagued by vacant shops, a sagging economy, and a dearth of shoppers.

"I wonder why we haven't been able to find more interesting stores and I wonder economically why there are so many empty storefronts," says Teri Freeman, a Bonard Street resident, who says she rather spend her time in a park than going shopping in the Center. Freeman is not alone, in fact she is part of what seems to be a growing sentiment of frustration felt by both the customers and businesspeople who frequent Arlington Center.

"Business is not improving because the economy is not good," says Winnie Clark, manager of T.C. Jewelers, a Mass. Avenue jeweler and watch repair store. "Regular customers come back but otherwise new business is terrible."

Chan said the Center suffers from a lack of variety. "There's nothing to shop for here, customers tell me that all the time." Merchants and building managers are trying to figure out what can be

done to bring more business into Arlington Center, but many say the shopping climate is not going to change much in the near future. Some merchants have expressed the need for stores to sell such items as shoes, electronics, and hardware.

"I suppose there isn't enough variety," said Bobbi Hunter, owner of Something Extra, a clothing store on Mass. Avenue. "We need to have stores selling more things to bring people down here."

Several storefronts have been vacant for many months, giving parts of the sidewalk an eerie feeling. Some of the retail space has been empty for up to two years.

The stores don't exactly seem to be filling up.

An owner of one vacant building, who spoke under the condition that he remain anonymous, said finding a tenant is not hard, but finding a good one is. "It's the quality of tenant we're interested in," he said. "I don't want people in competition with one another. I want people who will stay."

Several large spaces have been vacated by large companies that

didn't see marvelous results. One of these businesses was Ethan Allen, a large retail furniture store that recently pulled out of a large Mass. Avenue storefront.

While executives at the Ethan Allen offices in Connecticut did not return phone calls, one businessman who worked for their office in Burlington said they pulled out simply due to a lack of interest. "There was a dramatic drop in traffic," said the man, who wished to remain unnamed, "there was a lot of construction and parking problems, too. They have other locations where the customers can park right next to the store."

Videosmith, a local video chain, has perched a sign in the window for quite while promising a new video store along a portion of Mass. Avenue. Videosmith, when reached by phone, was not able to comment on when the store could possibly open for business.

"It's a definite maybe," says Larry Eastman of Eastman Realty Management, which controls the potential Videosmith Property. Although Videosmith had a great

interest in the property, recent corporate shuffling has made the company less sure of its interest in an Arlington store, according to Eastman.

However, Eastman remains optimistic about the plight of the Center. "As soon as things pick up I'm sure the vacancies will go down," he said. When? "As soon as the business climate improves."

### Trash a problem?

The Board of Selectmen has been asked to do something about the Center by cleaning it up a little better.

"Can't the town do a better job in cleaning the street? No wonder there are so many vacant stores up and down Mass. Avenue — who wants to shop amid this filth?" wrote one resident to the Board of Selectmen recently. "Let's bring back the pride and reputation Arlington had in the past, and let the future bring a cleaner center with fully-occupied stores."

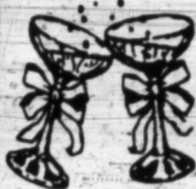
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### Sand Castle

contest, Aug. 1

As part of the Summer Reading Club Program "WizardREAD," The Robbins Library in cooperation with the Arlington Department of Recreation will hold a Sand Castle Building Contest on Aug. 1 at the Arlington Reservoir. The contest will begin at 9 a.m. and judging will start promptly at 9:45 a.m. with prizes awarded at 10 a.m. Registration is required for entry and can be done at the Junior Library or Fox Branch desks or by calling 646-1000, ext. 4306. Group work is encouraged since the time period is short. Rain date is Aug. 8.

### Movies for children shown

Three short movies appropriate for children ages 3 and up will be shown in the rear of the Art and Music Department on Tuesday, July 23 at 10:30 a.m. The titles are "Curious George," "Peanut the Pinto Horse," and "The Big Bad Wolf." Total running time is approximately 30 minutes.

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Anna Duffy, 10, puts out her lemonade sign at the kids fair held at the Robbins Library on Tuesday morning. The event was sponsored by the library and the recreation department.

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### Toddlers and Twos outdoors, on July 23

An outdoor program for children ages 15-35 months with an adult will

be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 23 at the Robbins Farm Playground. Various toys will be available as well as the playground equipment and a short story-time will be held. In case of rain the program will take place in the Gibbs Junior High Gym. The program is sponsored jointly by the Robbins Library and the Arlington Department of Recreation.

### Drop-in storyhour on Wednesdays

A drop-in storyhour is held every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Robbins Junior Library for children ages 3-6. The theme for July 24 is Princesses and Dragons.

### Game night at the library

Children ages 7 and up are invited to the Junior Library at 7:30 on Monday, July 22 to play chess, checkers and/or fairytale rummy. Come with a friend or find someone to play with when you get to the library. The number of games in process will depend on numbers of participants.

### Eddy-MacDonald feature at Fox branch

The Nelson Eddy-Jeanette MacDonald classic, "Girl of the Golden West" will be the film at Fox Branch Library, 175 Mass. Ave. on Friday, July 19. This musical, about a self-sacrificing singer at the Polka Saloon and an outlaw, also stars Walter Pidgeon, Leo Carrillo and Buddy Ebsen. The music is by Sigmund Romberg. Movies at Fox Library are shown at 2 p.m. and admission is free.

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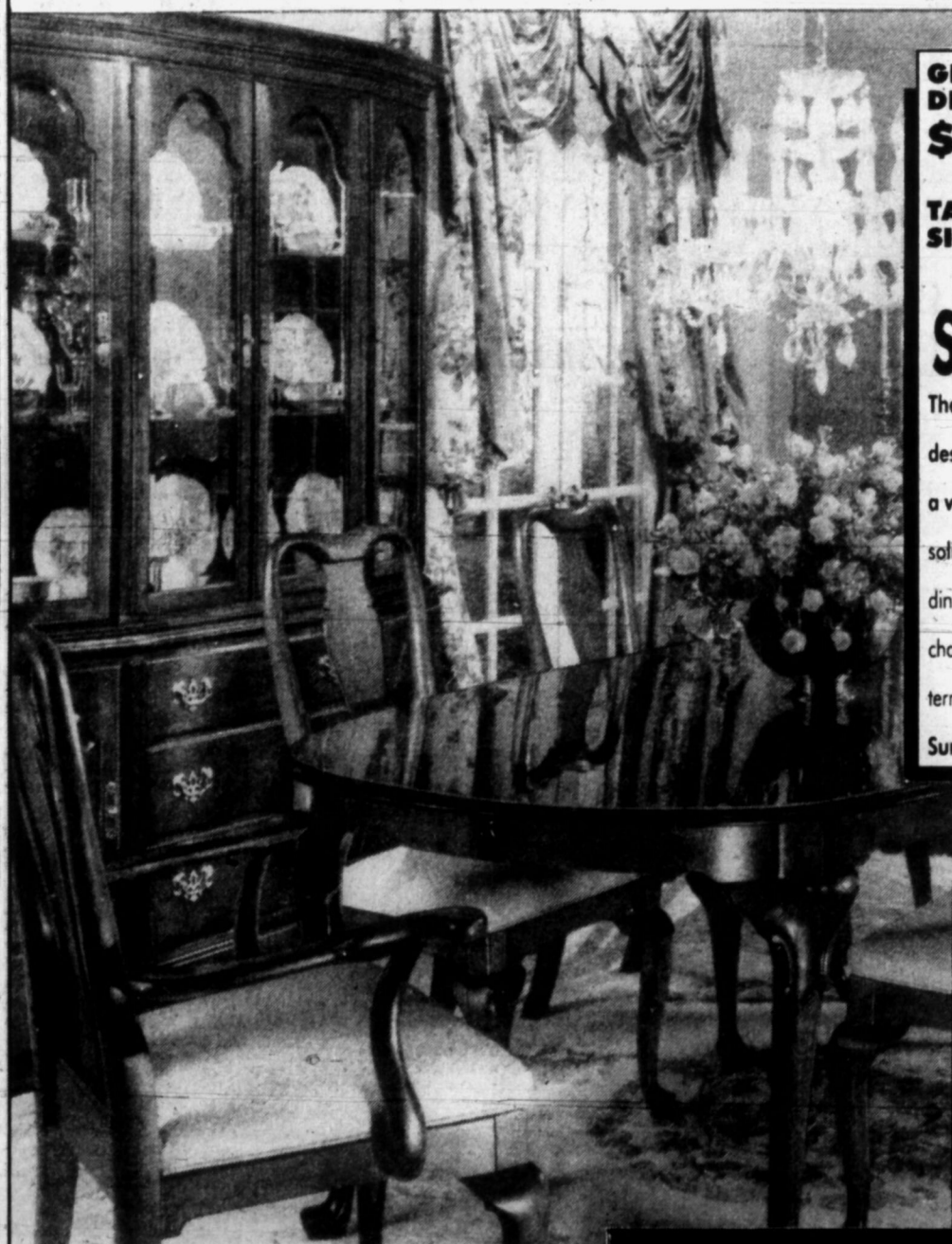
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## Property inspection aids in assessments

Some property owners of the Morningside area will be receiving letters from the assessors' office as the department begins a pilot program of home inspections aimed at saving the town thousands of dollars.

As mandated by the Proposition 2½ law, the town of Arlington is currently conducting its once-every-three-years revaluation of 12,000 properties in town, said Robert Greeley, director of assessments for the town.

For the second time, the town is conducting the revaluation "in house" rather than contract with an outside company, which would cost about \$40 a parcel, said Greeley. While it would cost an estimated \$560,000 for an outside firm to conduct the whole process, the department revaluation is expected to run about \$150,000.

The largest part of the local revaluation is the home inspections, Greeley said. "We're not looking to pry around. We're trying to have the most accurate records possible," he said. "A lot of people believe we don't always have an accurate record of their property. This will allow us to insure fairness, equity and consistency in assessing."

Greeley said a team of inspectors — with expertise in real estate, construction and computers — will visit

homes and update the town's records. Their primary focus is to update records and correct errors, he said.

Inspectors will not comment on the safety or building issues at the home, said Greeley. The only thing being inspected are features that determine the value of a home, he added.

To insure safety for homeowners, Greeley said the town is sending out letters to property owners asking them to make an appointment for the inspection. All of the inspectors will wear identification badges, he said. There will be no unannounced visits.

The program is being run on a trial basis in the Morningside area, but is expected to be continued in other neighborhoods. The department estimates all 12,000 parcels can be inspected in the next five years.

## Board to vote

### on session minutes

The Board of Selectmen has yet to release executive session records regarding two meetings in January and March.

Executive sessions, which are private meetings of public boards, are governed by strict laws that allow only certain things to be discussed in secrecy.

The Advocate made a formal request on June 17 for the minutes, or official notes, for the Jan. 7 and March 25 executive sessions.

Fred Pitcher, executive secretary of the Board of Selectmen, said the board will be voting to release the minutes on Aug. 19, and said this was the earliest possible response to the request for the minutes. Pitcher said the minutes are usually not released to the public unless the "unusual" request for them is made.

While it will be uncertain what the Board of Selectmen was discussing at these private sessions until the minutes are released, Selectmen Charles Lyons has mentioned during public meetings the Board discussed issues regarding the rental of the Mount Gilboa house, a town-owned property.

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### POLICE LOG

#### Arrests and protective custodies

A 34-year-old man was arrested on July 8 and charged with breaking and entering into the First Baptist Church on Mass. Avenue. Police said the suspect had allegedly opened a door with a coat hanger. The suspect was chased and apprehended in a nearby supermarket.

A 28-year-old Gardner Street man was arrested for violating a restraining order when found at a residence in the area on July 9 at 10:15 p.m.

Two 21-year-old men and a 21-year-old woman were arrested and charged with trespassing at the Thompson School playground on July 11 after being found drinking on the premises. A fourth youth was taken into protective custody.

A 30-year-old Medford man was arrested on July 13 at 12:34 a.m. and charged with two counts of breaking and entering after he reportedly broke down the door to get into the apartment of an acquaintance, according to police. Police said the man was "very combative" and three officers were minorly injured in a struggle to bring the man into custody.

A 40-year-old man was arrested on July 14 at 12:30 a.m. after he

#### Cash, jewelry taken from Park Street home

Police are looking for a suspect in connection with a burglary at a Park Street residence on July 11 in which \$1,700 in cash and an undetermined amount of jewelry was stolen.

The suspect reportedly entered through a back door between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. by reaching through an open window and unlocking the door. The suspect had ransacked the kitchen and the bedroom of the residence and taken the valuables from the bedroom, police said. No value was given for the amount of jewelry taken.

Police said a cleaning woman reported receiving suspicious phone calls at the house during the morning before the crime took place.

attempted to drive through barriers put in place by a late night electric company work crew on Mystic Street. The man was charged for driving under the influence of alcohol.

A 22-year-old Watertown man was arrested and charged with operating without a license at 12:45 a.m. on July 15 after being stopped on Mass. Avenue at Boulevard Road.

#### Larcenies and break-ins

A break-in was reported on Everett Street at 9:02 a.m. on July 8.

A residential break-in was

reported at a Mass. Avenue location at 1:50 p.m. on July 8.

A stolen vehicle was reported from a Fremont Court location at 7:04 p.m. on July 8.

A non-residential break-in was reported on July 8 at 8:09 p.m. at a Mass. Avenue location.

A vehicle was recovered at Robbins Farm at 10:16 p.m. on July 8.

A larceny was reported at a Peirce Street location at 9:47 a.m. on July 9.

A larceny was reported at 5:09 p.m. at a business on Mass. Avenue on July 9.

A break-in was reported at a Sunnyside residence at 5:46 p.m. on July 10.

A stolen vehicle was reported at a Inverness Road location at 6:46 p.m. on July 10.

A bicycle was reported stolen from a Colonial Village Drive location at 1:10 p.m. on July 11.

A residential break-in was reported at Park Street at 3:52 p.m. on July 11.

Larceny was reported at a Mass. Avenue location at 6:47 p.m. on July 11.

A break-in was reported at a Claremont Road location at 7:25 p.m. on July 11.

An attempted break-in was reported at Arizona Terrace at 11:07 p.m. on July 11.

A residential break-in was reported on Teel street at 11:44 p.m. on July 12.

A break-in was reported on Broadway at 12:34 a.m. on July 13.

A vehicle was reported stolen from a Broadway Street location at 10:29 p.m. on July 13.

A larceny was reported on Harvard Street at 11:33 p.m. on July 13. Field Road residents reported a larceny at 1:33 p.m. on July 13.

A residential break-in was reported on Teel Street at 7:03 p.m. on July 13.

A break-in was reported at Fremont Court at 10:04 p.m. on July 13.

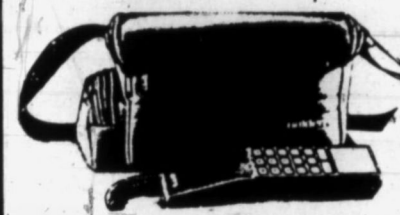
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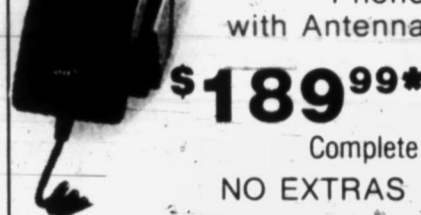
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# Teaching students that they're okay

By DEBRA BERGER  
Harte-Hanks correspondent

The first thing people say about your 5-year-old kindergartner is that he's very bright, and you agree. That's why you're mystified that he can't remember all the letters of the alphabet. His teacher says they may have to recommend he be held back a year. Are the teachers right, or is there a possibility he may have a learning disability?

Dr. Teresa C. Whitehurst, a therapist and clinical psychologist who tests for learning disabilities and is speaking at the Fox Branch Library on June 19 at 7 p.m., tells you how to "give your children the power to learn."

Although parents usually have the greatest influence on their children, it often is teachers who have the most impact on students' choices in life. No one knows this better than Teresa Whitehurst of Belmont, who as a young child in the 8th grade, was humiliated by a guidance counselor.

Commenting on Whitehurst's poor performance in mathematics, the counselor announced: "Whatever you do in the future, just make sure it doesn't involve numbers because you have no ability there."

Even though Whitehurst tested in the 99 percentile in her other subjects, she was placed in a "boring" slow learner's math class.

As a result of Whitehurst's life-long struggle with her learning difficulties, she decided to pursue a career in therapy and clinical psychology. She believes students with LD can be helped, and she has made it her mission to make the public aware of the need to "fit the learning to the learner."

Whitehurst, whose speech at the JCC is entitled "Growing From Learning Disabled to Learning Enabled," reflects upon her grade

school years and her difficulty with math. "It was almost like I was mentally retarded when it came to numbers," she says.

Whitehurst can still feel the pain of childhood memories. "They said, 'You have to go the dumb class now.'"

Instead of improving, Whitehurst's marks in the class went from B's and C's to D's and F's. She was determined to help herself.

"I decided that I was going to pull out the stops," she says. "My mother had an old blackboard at home and I pretended that I was the teacher of the dumbest class in the universe."

By repetition and the use of visual aids, Whitehurst was able to master mathematics. Through her continual optimism and hard work she received A's on her statistics courses (involving a high level of math) in graduate school.

"I did it, but I had to accept the fact that, for me, I had to learn differently," Whitehurst says.

Whitehurst, whose background includes a doctorate in clinical psychology from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., and training in neuropsychology (the study of brain functions) at UCLA and the V.A. Medical Center in Los Angeles, is a board member of the Massachusetts Association for Children with Learning Disabilities. She is a wife and mother of two.

She says that a child with LD usually has a problem in one area which doesn't reflect their overall general ability.

"A person can seem very bright, but there is one area that they have so much trouble in." (A person who

has trouble in every subject, Whitehurst notes, usually has a delay in overall development.) She says that she prefers the word "differences" instead of disabilities to describe learning problems because the disabilities puts a label on a child that might follow them through school, when in some instances they can outgrow many of these difficulties.

Whitehurst says learning disabilities include:

- Reversals: Reversing letters or words such as writing a "b" instead of "d", or order reversal, which is writing "dab" instead of "bad."
- Perceptual problems: Someone who looks at a pattern and can't copy it.
- Eye movements: Scanning a page from right to left instead of from left to right.
- Attention: The inability to stay focused on the subject-matter of hand.
- Phonetic deficits: Spelling a word phonetically (how it sounds).
- Retrieving: Knowing something, but being unable to get it from one's memory.
- Memory: Inability to remember a subject.

Children who struggle with these learning disabilities may lose self-esteem and self-confidence, stop trying in school, and become depressed. Children who have a problem may find that no matter how hard they work in a certain subject their grades don't improve.

A parent should be alert to signs of a possible difficulty, says Whitehurst. "Parents are good observers of children and can tell if something is wrong," she says. The first step if you suspect a problem is to talk to

the child's teacher about it, she says.

You then have the right to get an evaluation of your child under Chapter 766 (the state special education law), and if you're not satisfied with the results you may ask for an independent evaluation, such as the 4-hour test that Whitehurst administers. By using a "wide variety of tests to target areas of brain functioning," Whitehurst can then determine what specific area the child has difficulty with. The cost of these tests, she says, are covered by most health plans.

A child can be assessed at any age, even as young as 4 or 5 years old, Whitehurst says. "There is a lot of needless suffering because children go through school and they keep making the same type errors over and over again and the resources are not there in the school, often times, to really pinpoint exactly what the problem is," she says.

Whitehurst advises parents not to rely on teachers or the school system to diagnose learning problems because they don't have the specialized resources needed.

After a child has been tested, Whitehurst often recommends tutoring by a teacher who is skilled in special needs and will provide "strategies" to deal with a learning disability.

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**Mary A. Layman**

## POLICE LOG

(From page 4A)

Residents of Milton Street reported a break-in at 10:47 p.m. on July 13.

A break-in was reported at a Mass. Avenue business at 1:31 a.m. on July 14.

A break-in was reported on Hodge Road at 5:36 p.m. on July 14.

### Vandalism

Motor Vehicle vandalism was reported on Mountain Avenue at 6:29 p.m. on July 8.

Vandalism was reported at 8:57 a.m. at Arlington High School on July 9.

Residential vandalism was reported at a Fremont Court location at 6:16 p.m. on July 11.

Police received reports at 8:32 p.m. on July 11 that suspects had been throwing objects onto Route 2 from Thorndike Field. A brick, some rocks, a bucket and a hubcap had reportedly been thrown. Officers responded and identified a 14-year-old boy was found in the area, questioned and taken home to his parents.

Vandalism was reported on Mystic Street at 4:37 p.m. on July 12.

Residents of Gardner Street reported vandalism at 3:56 a.m. on July 13.

### Miscellaneous

An exposing was reported at Thorndike Field at 9:26 p.m. on July 8.

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## TOWN HALL ROUNDUP

## Schwamb Mill names new board nominee

Patricia C. Fitzmaurice, executive trustee of the Schwamb Mill Preservation Trust, has nominated Raymond Lum for appointment as representative of the Schwamb Mill on the Board of the Arlington Preservation Fund Inc. Lum is an instructor of Chinese at the Harvard University Extension and has been a specialist in East Asian Studies at the Harvard College Library since

1981.

Lum was nominated to replace the previous nomination of Andrew Vorce, a planning department employee, whose nomination was objected to by Selectmen Charles Lyons and Frank Hurd.

## New food and store licenses approved

The Board of Selectmen approved two new common victualler, (food

service), licenses in their meeting Monday night. They approved operation of the Heights Cuisine, a restaurant to be located at 1312 Mass. Ave., and Bagels by US, a business to be located at 787-789 Mass. Ave.

In addition, Barbara Haimowitz received final approval to open up a secondhand Article Dealer's shop, called Repeat Performance, at 448 Mass. Avenue.

## Board appoints Council on Aging members

The Board of Selectmen approved an appointment and a reappointment of members of the Council on Aging. Nancy Higgins, who has been on the Council since 1981, was reappointed for another term.

Rev. Henry Tomsuden, a Fisher Road resident, was appointed for his first term.

## She gives special effort to athletics

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of these who, even if she doesn't win, will be glad to have participated."

Quattieri, who spoke to the Advocate several days before her July 10 send-off dinner at Copley Plaza told said she was excited about her participation this year. "I love to meet the other people from different countries," she said. "I help people on my team and cheer them on. I love to yell and cheer for my teammates in their races and get them going."

The 1991 Special Olympics International Summer Games host more than 6,000 athletes, the largest group

to participate in an athletic competition this year.

The Massachusetts Special Olympics staff office reports the games which are by far the largest ever held, will be the last to host a separate Massachusetts Delegation. The next games, being held in 1993, will only see one individual United States team, added the office.

The Knights of Columbus donated money for Quattieri's uniform and also offered to donate money for her trip. The state paid for the cost of the athlete's trip and stay, and this year's \$25 registration fee.

## Center businesses fight tough economy

(From page 1A)

However, others feel it isn't the town's responsibility. "I really feel like people are careless — I don't want to hold the town responsible for the things that are left around," says Arlington resident Teri Freeman.

A local business recently sponsored a clean-up of Arlington Center to help make the area look a little nicer. Citizens were invited to participate by removing trash.

Some shoppers think it goes beyond trash and parking. "Everybody complains about the parking, but what we need is some unique

stores," says Lee Oppedisano, a former Arlingtonian who visits the Center now from Malden. "What is there here? There are no nice boutiques or novel things. It's dull and boring."

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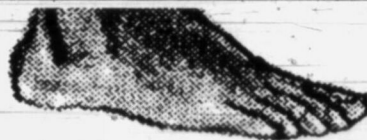
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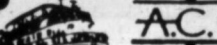
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## EDITORIAL

### Reading challenge

Many people like to talk about what's wrong with the state of education, kids today, and so much else, but few offer suggestions on how to correct the problem. However, the English staff at Arlington High School is offering one solution: summer reading programs for students at every grade level. Before the students left for summer break, all were given lists of suggested reading material for their perusal, and, hopefully, digestion.

Through these prepared lists — tailored for all the class levels and programs — students and their parents, can keep the lessons of school alive during the "off-months." We tip our hat to them.

And while this is a step — a very important one — it is not a panacea for the ills of American education. It is certainly a positive solution to a very real problem: Many of our young people just don't read.

The other problem with this answer is somewhat ironic, parents have to realize they need to become involved and show their children (from kindergarten through grade 12) how to read, and give them the tools to read.

Often, many adults will recommend books to their friends. What about our children? There is little that young people can find in a book they have not already seen on television. Only now you can share the experience with them, discuss the main issues with them, and — very importantly — give them the skills and foundation they need to succeed in school and beyond.

The schools cannot do it alone. You need to help. Give our young people something they can use the rest of their lives: the ability to read.

### On recordkeeping

The selectmen will wait until Aug. 19 to vote to release minutes of executive sessions requested by this newspaper. The reason for the delay is not the request, nor the sensitive nature of the issues discussed during the executive session.

In short, when the request was made, and the issue was placed on the agenda for Monday's meeting, the minutes were not ready. When were the sessions? In January and in March.

While a seven-month delay is inexcusable when talking about any document concerning the business of the town, it is even more abhorrent when the document concerns the business of the town that was discussed away from eyes and ears of the public.

The reason for this newspaper's request of the minutes of those sessions was to review the discussion of the board of issues that have since been called into question by board members during the spring meetings.

We will likely find no shockers contained in the minutes. But that's not what we're looking for. Our request was to fill in holes in arguments concerning town property this spring.

The public record should be complete whether someone makes a request for such documents or not. The system should be corrected.

#### Summer hours

Robbins Public Library main branch is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The town hall is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The switchboard, however, answers until 5 p.m.



## GUEST COLUMN

### Keeping up with the maintenance of life

By TERRY MAROTTA

I can tell you why our SAT scores are declining and the trade deficit is so out of whack and practically nobody can name all 31 whoops! I mean 41 — American Presidents.

It's because we're too busy with the maintenance operations we have to perform on all the things and creatures that make life here in the First World so full and meaningful.

For example: We haven't got an air conditioner in this house, but we do have several fans, which at four-week intervals grow utterly thick with a mixture of pollen, greasy film, and a fine bread-crumble-like covering of all the dust that's been circling the earth since that comet made the dinosaurs extinct.

The idea is you're supposed to take them apart, see, and using a Q-Tip and some mild soap, swab the 500 tiny lengths of slatted plastic grill on each one, not to mention scrub the stubby arms of the greasy blades and oil the little black doggy-nose of the engine. God knows what people with air conditioners are expected to do: give them massages, maybe; take them out for dinner and a movie.

One day my washing machine broke for no particular reason. I called the repair shop, stayed home for a week waiting to hear back from the guy, who, when he finally came, wanted \$58 just to set foot in the house, even though the problem turned out to be a defective nut that cost 79 cents to replace.

As I watched him work, he reached into the machine, plucked out the little plastic cup that's set in the top of the agitator and pulled some glop out of it. "You should clean this every time you run the washer," he said. I didn't even know the piece came out, and I've owned the drier more than 15 years. And a good thing, too, since if I had known, and been cleaning it every time I washed, I wouldn't have had time to hold a job, reproduce or even leave the house.

Fans, air conditioners, washing machines — they're just the beginning. There's no end to the list of things you should be seeing to.

I mean, think about it. Every time you turn around, you're supposed to 1) Make the beds. 2) Change the beds. 3) Clean the heads on your VCR. 4) Clean the heads on your Walkman. 5) Change your oil. 6) Fill

your radiator. 7) Clean out your ears. 8) Rotate your tires. 9) Brush your teeth. 10) Floss your teeth. 11) Sift the kitty litter. 12) Defrost the freezer. (Our old one used to need that once a month: it grew a snow-pack like the Arctic tundra, five inches of solid ice all around its walls. You had to go at it with an icepick and a set of forceps to find and extract any food that might be inside. And even then who knew what you were getting, because you hadn't 13) rotated the food, so that some of it, dating back to Mondale's last bid for the White House had 14) become unrecognizable.)

And speaking of kitty litter and dental floss and such, I took my cat to the vet last week so she could 15) have her check up. He poked her, weighed her, looked deep in her eyes; then hiked back her thin black lips to expose teeth no bigger than the needle on your stereo, which he began digging at with dental instruments.

"See this? This is plaque! This is tartar! You should brush your cat's teeth EVERY DAY!" He gave me a pamphlet, gel and a toothbrush, and sent me home.

"The American Veterinary Dental

Society endorses proper care for companion animals," the pamphlet reads. "Daily tooth cleansing at home, frequent examinations of the mouth, and professional treatment as necessary provides the framework for good oral health in animals." The fate you're trying to avert being "Periodontal disease ... often called the silent disease of pets. It is progressive and irreversible by nature, and can lead to severe health problems included loss of appetite ... and behavioral changes."

So I call to the cat these days, trying to sound at the same time commanding and casual. She saunters in. The vet is six-foot-four with hands the size of a catcher's mitt. Suffice to say that what he can do in the way of tooth maintenance is way beyond my capacity. My animal spikes up her hairdo, hisses like Linda Blair in "The Exorcist", and squirms away, wishing cat voodoo on me from a far corner of the room. It happens every day now.

And it's eerie, but the pamphlet is right. I am losing my appetite, sure enough. I'm even experiencing behavioral changes. And what I really need to do is 16) go lie down.

## LETTERS

### 'Old-boy' attitude prevails

TO THE EDITOR:

Cultural diversity may have come to Arlington (according to recent articles in the Boston Globe), but clearly the old boy network of hiring for responsible positions is alive and well and living in Arlington.

Out of 56 applicants for the executive director of the Housing Authority have you noticed that there wasn't a single woman who was qualified to be a finalist? Not so! I challenge anyone interested in the question to match my qualifications with the group of four men who were selected as finalists. I was one of the eight who were eliminated in the process which consisted of a 12-minute interview with not one single question that had to do with my experience.

Now of course the qualifications we are talking about are those that demonstrate professional knowledge of managing subsidized properties, not those of prior relationships with selection committee members and the authority which just happened to be true of two of the four finalists. What possible difference could it have made that there were no names on the resumes? I can easily identify my acquaintances by their experiences, can't you?

I resent being used to fulfill someone's idea of an open process. I resent the waste of my time if being an Arlington resident was a critical qualification? What possible reason could there be for such a requirement, but to justify the selection of a preferred candidate? To receive telephone calls at night? Good Lord, does anyone believe that?

Housing authorities are notorious for their lack of professional management and HUD will shortly be implementing a system of grading housing authorities. I wonder how

Arlington will score? Will you be watching? Will you care?

Edith Fruscione  
certified property manager  
Concord, Mass.

### Pinciak returns to corner

TO THE EDITOR:

I am back! The town officials knew what I wanted from the very first time I came out to the "Death Trap." They have not done what they promised, so I came back to let them know I do not give up. I have been at that corner this time since June 19, 1991 and it is worse than ever.

One day a woman with her 9 or 10 year old daughter had the walk light to cross Mystic Street and started across. A car coming up Mystic Street did not stop at the lights but kept moving looking in the direction of the traffic coming up Mass. Avenue waiting for a break in the moving traffic on Mass. Avenue, so she could make her right turn. Even though the pedestrian said "Oh my, I have the walk light," the motorist ignored her and kept rolling along. The motorist went through a "WALK" light, went against the "No turn on red" sign, and did not wait for her green arrow.

Also, when I was walking home from this corner, I had gotten as far as Cleveland Street, Broadway corner and pushed the button so I would have the walk light to cross Cleveland Street. When the red and yellow light came on so I could cross the street, four cars went through the lights and when I said, "I have the walk light," the driver of the fourth car heard me and his remark to me, "I didn't hit you, did I." It was sarcastically said. If this is the attitude of most drivers than we do not have a chance, the pedestrians, that is. I guess I should be grateful that he avoided me so I could live another

day to come back to the "Death Trap" corner. Perhaps I should have told him that he would have better luck next time. With drivers with attitudes like that no wonder the accident toll is so high and automobile insurance rates are so high.

Since I believe there is no true concern for safety in Arlington, perhaps the motor vehicles that have the words "Community Safety" painted on the side, should take the word "safety" off and just have the word Community left on just so we would know they were town vehicles, because none of them enforce the safety rules. How the town has been so lucky without an accident at this corner is a miracle.

I have a letter from the commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public works, dated, December 14, 1990, that states "These problems are out of our jurisdiction, and can best be directed to the Arlington Police and other local authorities." So you see Mr. Marquis, Mr. McClennen, and selectmen, the safety of the pedestrian and motorist at this intersection is now put back in your laps, so do something about it.

We do not need anymore of your baloney about we cannot do anything about it because we will lose money from the state or will have to pay back all the money already spent, because that gimmick won't work now. Show the townspeople that you are concerned about their safety by putting in an exclusive walk light. Remember, the life you save may mean a vote next March.

When I left the corner in 1989, I had a total of 211 days and 1,010 hours. Since I came back on the 19th of June, 1991, I have added those hours to the total of the previous time so July 15, 1991 was my 231st day and as of July 13, 1991, 1,120 hours.

I hope the officials wake up soon and make this safe for all of us. Remember, town officials, if you make the changes I want, you will

not be allowed to walk in this intersection, because you did not come near it when it was the "Death Trap." I am sure you did not want to become the first victim.

Inga E. Pinciak

### Knights support MDA

TO THE EDITOR:

This year as in years past the Arlington Knights of Columbus have conducted a very successful canister drive raising over \$300 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). We at MDA would like to acknowledge and thank the Knights of Columbus for their continued support.

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### Veterans event successful

TO THE EDITOR:

I wish to thank the many members who helped make our benefit dance for the Gulf Veterans such a great success. Thanks also to those who baked, donated goodies and those who donated time and bought tickets to the event.

We are very appreciative of the lovely floral bouquet given by the Anderson Floral Shop. Also to Johnny's Food Mart for their donation and Symmes Dietary department for their help.

Last but not least, The Advocate for the great coverage in the Special Events section the last few weeks.

We hope this was a memorable day for the veterans and Arlington.

Margaret McGuire  
chairwoman  
Benefit Dance Committee

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SCHOOL NEWS

Rogers-Pierce graduates kindergarten

Rogers-Pierce Children's Center held its kindergarten graduation on June 21. Led by kindergarten teacher Barbara Mills and music teacher Robby Sylvain, the graduates put on a program of song, movement and dramatics for family and friends. The children made their own costumes, and together chose the songs they presented, including "Everybody Changes" and "Free To Be You and Me." Now holding kindergarten diplomas are: Tonya Atkinson, Scilla Bennett, Allie Dejaney, Priscilla Ford, Katie Fowkes, Melissa McKennon, Ben Ofria, Rebecca Tolley and Nicole Whitley.

Computer science program offered

For those who choose to change with the times, a future in Computer Science offers tremendous career opportunities. The college emphasizes hands-on programming on IBM

computers, in courses such as Lotus, Basic, Cobol, and Software Applications, and Programming in "C."

Located at the Arlington High School on Mass. Avenue, Newbury offers adult students the opportunity to earn an associate in applied science degree in two years by attending classes two nights per week. Newbury also offers assistance with financial aid, and academic and career counseling.

For more information on classes that begin Sept. 16, please call 648-5424. Newbury College is approved by the Veterans Administration and is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Students' work recognized

Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II (D-Mass.) and the Cambridge Arts Council recently announced that Jason Grotrian, a Cambridge Rindge and Latin student, is the winner of the 8th Congressional District High School Arts Competition. The winning entry was a pencil drawing of a self-portrait.

High school students in the 8th Congressional District were qualified to participate in this annual arts competition. The Cambridge Arts Council conducted the contest and displayed the entries at Cambridge City Hall this spring.



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NEWS NOTE

Drop-off recycling continues

DROP, monthly drop-off recycling continues on Sunday, July 21 at the DPW Yard at 51 Grove Street from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine. A severe storm will force cancellation. We recycle clean glass, plastic — 2 (HDPE) bottles only, and aluminum. We also collect eyeglasses for Eyeglasses for the Needy.

One major difference in our program beginning in July is that we can only accept plastic bottles with 2. Generally, milk or water jugs, detergent and laundry bottles are made from 2 (HDPE). Please do not bring any bottle coded other than 2 and please do not bring any plastics other than bottles (no yogurt containers, tubs etc.) DROP does not recycle styrofoam or plastic bags.

White-lined pet food cans and individual drink cans are often aluminum, but most metal cans are not aluminum. The simple way to test is to use a magnet. If it sticks, the can is steel and can't be recycled with DROP.

DROP is volunteer-run and sponsored by Citizens Recycling Committee of the League of Women Voters of Arlington. If you have questions or wish to help, call Catherine at 648-1745.

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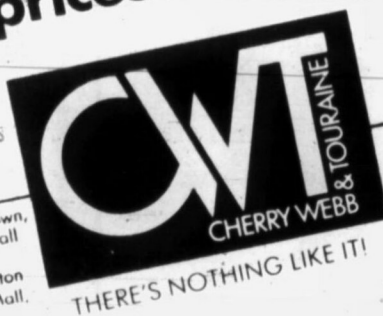
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## SENIOR NEWS

**Council on Aging**  
Health counseling schedule  
Thursday, July 18, 1 to 2:30 p.m.,  
COA; Wednesday, July 24, 9 to 11  
a.m., Retired Men's Club; Thurs-  
day, July 25, 1 to 2:30 p.m., COA.  
Shine program Tuesdays and Thurs-  
days

COA health benefits counselors  
will be at the Council on Aging on  
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10  
a.m. to noon to provide free confi-  
dential assistance with questions on  
Medicare, MEDEX, Health Mainte-  
nance Organizations, insurance  
claims forms, prescription drugs  
etc. To make an appointment call  
646-1000, ext. 4720.

**Volunteer opportunities**  
Make a difference in your com-  
munity. Volunteer in your spare  
time delivering meals for home-  
bound elders, serving as a friendly  
visitor, and more. Call COA at  
646-1000, ext. 4720 for more  
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Site Manager: Marge Scott,  
646-1000, ext. 4747 for reservations.  
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Hauser Building, 37 Drake Village  
Site Manager Marilyn Bruno. Call  
648-7500 for reservations. See above  
for transportation. Reservations are  
necessary. Menus may change with-  
out notice. Monday, July 22, turkey  
chow mein; Tuesday, July 23, Ita-  
lian pasta with seafood and mari-  
nated vegetables; Wednesday, July  
24, stuffed pepper; Thursday, July  
25, chicken Fricassee; Friday, July  
26, broiled fish.

**Help available for the elderly**  
If you are in need of a companion,  
homemaker or healthaide and you  
live in Arlington or Lexington, Con-  
tact: June Brooks, Project Hire/  
COA — 646-1000, ext. 4720 Monday  
through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.,  
27 Maple St., Arlington, Mass. 02174.

**Social services notes**  
If certain personal problems have  
you or a member of your family  
troubled, don't keep them to your-  
self. Our outreach worker, Mrs.  
Diane Tainter, a licensed Social  
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term counseling, nursing and retire-  
ment homes, emotional dysfunction  
and the like. For more information,  
call Diane Tainter at 646-1000, ext.  
4720.

**Volunteers needed**  
for Meals On Wheels delivery  
One hour per day, per week, per  
month. No number of hours is too  
small or too great. To set up a time  
to fit into your busy or not-so-busy  
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**Golden opportunities**  
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taining and informative.

**Senior citizens' law project**  
The Senior Citizens' Law Project  
(SCLP) provides legal assistance to  
eligible seniors at no charge. Legal  
assistance is available in the follow-  
ing areas: Social Security and SSI;  
Medicaid; Public Benefits (such as  
Food Stamps and General Relief);  
Evictions (from public and private  
housing); opposition to guardian-  
ship; and Nursing Home Care. In  
other areas of the law, we offer  
referrals as necessary. If you live in  
the Minuteman area, please call  
646-1000, ext. 4720.

**Friendly visitors**  
The Council on Aging is currently  
recruiting for the Friendly Visitor  
program. If you would like to spend  
an hour or so a week with an Arling-  
ton elder, sharing your time and love  
please call Lynne McCluskey at  
646-1000, ext. 4720. Our current  
Friendly Visitors say that you'll get  
back more than you give. Call Lynne  
today!

**Leisure Time**  
On July 24, at 11 a.m. at the Senior  
Center, Jenny Murphy will discuss  
the importance of leisure time.

This will be an excellent opportu-  
nity to learn new information in an  
informal discussion. Please join us.

If you have questions call Jackie  
Keshian at 646-1000, ext. 4720. For  
lunch reservations call 646-1000, ext.  
4747.

**Monthly dances**  
Tony Polcari proudly announces  
that monthly dances with Bob Car-  
uso will formally begin at the Arling-  
ton MultiService Center in August.  
Proceeds will benefit the Council on  
Aging Gift Fund. More information  
to follow. Watch for flyers and join in  
the fun! Dates are: Aug. 23, Sept. 27,  
Oct. 18, Nov. 22 and Dec. 20. For  
tickets call 646-1000, ext. 4720.

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ext. 4720 for more information. Beat  
the heat, join us at the Senior Center  
this summer.

**Representative from  
Kennedy's office**  
A representative from the office of  
Joseph Kennedy will be at the Coun-  
cil on Aging on the fourth Tuesday of  
the month, July 23, from 10 to 11:30  
a.m.

**Chiropractic health care**  
A lecture on the topic of chiroprac-  
tic health care is planned. An  
informing, refreshing look at our  
health and the role of chiropractic in  
health care will be held in the Senior  
Center on Tuesday, July 23 at 1 p.m.

## BIRTHS

### Meghan Denn

James and Carolyn (Ford) Denn  
announce the birth of Meghan Alex-  
andra Denn, born on May 13 in  
Mount Auburn Hospital.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs.  
John Broughall of Arlington, Mrs.  
William B. Ford of Watertown and  
Mr. George L. Denn Sr. of  
Charlestown.

Mrs. Pauline Conti of Bedford is a  
great-grandmother.

### Jonathan D. Titcomb

Joseph and Andrea (Salani) Tit-  
comb of Norwood announce the birth  
of their son, Jonathan Douglas, born  
on March 7 at Beth Israel Hospital.

Sharing grandparent honors are  
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Salani of  
Arlington and Mrs. Dorothy Titcomb  
of Stoneham.

Jonathan is welcomed home by his  
brothers Ian and Nathaniel.

### Miriah Pero

James Leo and Beverly (Buzzota)  
Pero of Arlington announce the birth  
of their daughter, Miriah, born on  
June 5 at Winchester Hospital.

Maternal grandparents are Mr.  
and Mrs. Frank Buzzota of Arling-  
ton. Paternal grandmother is Lor-

raine Pero also residing in  
Arlington.

### Derek C. Sullivan

Mark and Donna (Smith) Sullivan  
of Billerica announce the birth of  
their son, Derek Charles, born on  
June 12 at Winchester Hospital.

Maternal grandparents are Mr.  
and Mrs. Charles L. Smith of Tewks-  
bury. Paternal grandparents are  
Olive P. Sullivan and the late Char-  
les V. Sullivan of Cambridge.

### Jeremy N. Dooley

Brian and Susan (Bezreh) Dooley  
of Burlington announce the birth of  
their son, Jeremy Nicholas, born on  
June 4 at Winchester Hospital.

Maternal grandparents are Mitch-  
ell and Shirley Bezreh of Arlington.  
Paternal grandparents are Marie  
Dooley of Arlington and Francis  
Dooley of South Boston.

### Daniel Lyn Caterino

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Caterino of  
Arlington announce the birth of their  
son, Daniel Lyn, on June 3 at  
Winchester Hospital.

Maternal grandparents are Mr.  
and Mrs. William Robinson of  
Arlington. Paternal grandparents  
are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Caterino  
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